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 Group Art Unit: 3661  
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Re: Filing of Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312  
 U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/696,508  
 Docket No.: K06-163681M/TBS

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312 amendment 11 GAT*  
Dear Examiner Jeanglaud:

Attached is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 which Applicants respectfully request you enter in the above application.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

  
 Scott M. Tulino  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shirou NAKANO, et al.

Serial No.: 10/696,508

Group Art Unit: 3661

Filed: October 30, 2003

Examiner: Gertrude Arthur Jeanglaud

For: VEHICLE STEERING APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Box AFAMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.